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SUBJECT: UJNR: EIGHTH CONFERENCE

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OES/SCI FOR ADDISON RICHMOND

1. ON RECEIPT OF REFTEL (C), EMBOFFS CALLED ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY (STA) (UEDA) TO INFORM HIM OF US DESIRE TO POSTPONE EIGHTH UJNR CONFERENCE AND CONSIDER DATE AGAIN AFTER CONCLUSION OF OVERALL REVIEW ON APRIL 12. UEDA RELUCTANTLY INDICATED THAT POSTPONEMENT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOJ. UEDA EXPECTS THAT GOJ WILL BE ABLE TO FINANCE POSTPONED CONFERENCE FROM JFY 1975 BUDGET. SINCE CONFERENCE HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT US INITIATIVE, UEDA REQUESTED THAT US SUGGEST NEW DATE FOR CONFERENCE.

2. UEDA USED OPPORTUNITY OF THIS VISIT TO ASK AGAIN FOR US COMMENTS ON SECOND FIVE-YEAR REPORT. STA PLANS TO COMPLETE REPORT AND BEGIN PRINTING IN MARCH, SO MUST HAVE US COMMENTS BEFORE MARCH 15.

3. UEDA ALSO ASKED AGAIN ABOUT FOREWORD FOR REPORT FROM US SIDE. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT SECRETARY OF STATE SIGN STATEMENT. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INITIAL INDICATION OF WHETHER SUCH A

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FOREWORD CAN BE OBTAINED, BECAUSE ITS AVAILABILITY WPLL AFFECT

GOJ SCHEDULE FOR PRINTING REPORT.

4. STA IS ALSO AWAITING US COMMENTS ON PROPOSED FIRE SAFETY PANEL.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: AS DEPT WILL RECALL, ONE OF GROUND RULES WHICH WE PROPOSED AT EARLY DATE IN CONNECTION WITH OVERALL REVIEW IS THAT REVIEW, WHILE IN PROGRESS, SHOULD NOT AFFECT ON-GOING COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS. THIS REASSURANCE WAS ESSENTIAL TO SECURING GOJ AGREEMENT TO REVIEW, IN VIEW OF WIDESPREAD CONCERN AMONG GOJ AGENCIES THAT REVIEW WAS INTENDED TO CUT BACK EXISTING ACTIVITIES. POSTPONEMENT OF UJNR CONFERENCE BECAUSE OF TIMING CONFLICT

WITH OVERALL REVIEW COULD BE CONSTRUED AS INCONSISTENT WITH EARLIER ASSURANCES, AND EMBOFFS THEREFORE STRESSED IN CONVERSATION WITH UEDA THAT REASON FOR POSTPONEMENT IS SHORTAGE OF RESOURCES OCCASIONED BY OVERALL REVIEW AND OTHER ACTIVITIES, RATHER THAN DESIRABILITY OF HAVING UJNR CONFERENCE FOLLOW AT LEAST FIRST MEETING OF OVERALL REVIEW. WHILE WE AGREE WITH LOGIC OF LATTER POINT, WE BELIEVE DISTINCTION IS WORTH OBSERVING IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GOJ, IN VIEW PAST RECORD.

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